

I support media diversity

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

Public comment on FCC changes is required by law, yet the FCC has not even published the changes it proposes! Leaks and the occasional "town meeting" held by the two resisters on the committee are not sufficient.

Just because we now have many diverse ways of getting news does not mean we get any more varied content. Just look at the Iraq war coverage. If you watched ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX, and CNN, you got identical cheerleading. Only by listening to the BBC and Democracy Now from Pacifica Radio, can I get a different view, and most voters don't even know about these news sources, let alone think there might be any facts missing from the 5 mainstream media sources we now have, since they all say the same thing.

The mandate of the FCC is to protect the public's free access to information, including a variety of opinions. The FCC was NOT designed to protect the ability of media corporations to maximize their own profit.

You must publish the proposal in full detail postpone the June 2nd vote, to allow all Americans to know what is going on. The secrecy of these FCC proceedings is another sign to observant Americans that the current administration is becoming a dictatorship as fast as it can get away with it.

I urge you NOT to weaken the rules that help preserve competition and diversity among the owners of American media. Please re-instate the traditional media ownership rules for the sake of competition and democracy. Thank you.

Thank you,

Lenore Luscher